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## City of Wichita Falls Fire Department Prescribed Burn

Wichita Falls, Texas – The Wichita Falls Fire Department will be conducting a prescribed burn beginning Wednesday, June 16, 2021. The burn will take place, weather pending, for the next two to three days with an approximate start time of 8am each day. The location of the burn will be 5202 Jacksboro Highway behind Scales Construction and 1622 Archer City Highway behind Texas Nightlife.

This mitigation project is to reduce large bird species activity in the area of the Kickapoo Airport airfield. The field contains many brush piles that create a habitat for prey that large bird species are searching for. This has caused an increase in safety concerns for all flights using the airfield.

The prescribed burn will provide realistic, first hand training for the firefighters. Along with the training opportunities, a prescribed burn is the best way to protect the safety of the flight zones of the airfield. To ensure all residents and businesses safety, firefighters will remain on-site to conduct post burn work.

Please be mindful of the firefighters working in the area. Traffic may have to be diverted in some areas for short periods of time. We appreciate your continued support of the Wichita Falls Fire Department.

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